



Monday, August 26, 2019

Public Meeting of the Howard County Commission on Disabilities  
Howard Building, Columbia/Ellicott Rooms 1st Floor  
3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
6:30 to 8:30 PM

## MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

**PRESENT:**

Heidi Burghardt  
Nicole Czarnecki  
Elliott Finkelstein  
Martin Jones  
Leslie Kornreich  
Doug Lea  
Randy Murbach  
Karen Wood

**ABSENT:**

Riffat Ashai  
Cynthia Coburn  
Andrea Kolp  
Marian Vessels  
Arthur Gold

**STAFF**

Michelle Henry  
Erica Lewis  
Terry Zeigler

**INTERPRETERS**

Brenda Kelly Frey  
Becky Frey

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
- II. Old Business
  - A. Approval of minutes for June 24, 2019 meeting
    - Correction needed: Doug Lea listed twice under excused absence. Minutes approved as written with correction
  - B. Update on stakeholder meetings to discuss Council Resolution 23-2018 recommendations made by the Commission
    1. Howard County Public School System
      - To be invited to an upcoming Commission meeting

2. Howard County Office of Transportation
  - Directors of Department of Community Resources and Services, and Office of Transportation, scheduled to meet on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Will request to schedule a future meeting with Commission and Office of Transportation.
3. Howard Community College (HCC)
  - HCC is considering Commission suggestion to add Adult Changing Table/Elevator
4. Howard County Dept. of Technology & Communication Services (DTCS)
  - DTCS met with the Commission on Aging in June regarding plans for the County's new website. The Commission on Disabilities is requesting a meeting with DTCS, as well, to discuss website accessibility.

### C. Update on Commission meetings

1. Provider Committee
  - No update
2. Access Committee
  - September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting – Accessibility tour of Howard Community College
3. October 28 Meeting
  - Review draft of the annual report
  - Possible meeting with stakeholders listed in section B above
4. December 9 Meeting
  - Possible meeting with stakeholders listed in section B above

## III. New Business

### A. Awards Program

1. Event details
  - Discussion regarding keynote speaker Kelby Brick and panel presentation of deaf business owners. Kelby Brick has selected, "Empowering Our Ecosystem" as the title of his keynote. Heidi Burghardt and Randy Murbach will reach to potential panel participants.
2. Commissioner assignments for event
  - Master of Ceremony duties to be shared: Elliott Finkelstein (welcome remarks), Heidi Burghardt (introduce keynote speaker), Cindy Coburn & Martin Jones (narrators for winning nominations), Randy Murbach (closing remarks)
  - Greeters: Karen Wood and Doug Lea
3. Review of nominations, discussion and voting
  - Heidi Burghardt filed motion to select Brenda Kelly-Frey for a special commission recognition award. Passed unanimously
  - Motion to select two winners for the Employer award category. Passed unanimously.

- Motion to select two winners for Individual Achievement award category. Passed unanimously.
- Discussion and voting took place. The award winners are:

**Employer Awards**

Anegada Delights Caribbean Cuisine  
Heartlands Senior Living of Ellicott City

**Service Awards**

Lindsey Ritter and Diane Rogers  
Ia Shubitidze  
Special Olympics Maryland - Howard County

**Individual Achievement Awards**

Juan Carroll  
James Barrett

**Programmatic Accessibility Award**

Meagan Downey

**Special Recognition**

Brenda Kelly-Frey

- IV. Announcements
- V. Adjournment  
Commission meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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